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## CHILDREN'S CHOICE BOOK AWARDS ANNOUNCED

### **Kids Vote Rick Riordan Author of the Year and David Wiesner Illustrator of the Year**

#### **A Record Breaking 500,000 Votes Were Cast!**

NEW YORK, NY — May 2, 2011 — The Children's Book Council (CBC) in association with Every Child A Reader, the CBC Foundation, announced the winners of the fourth annual Children's Choice Book Awards at a gala in New York City this evening as part of Children's Book Week (May 2-8, 2011). Children across the country voted in record numbers for their favorite books, author, and illustrator at bookstores, school libraries, and at [www.BookWeekOnline.com](http://www.BookWeekOnline.com), casting over 500,000 votes.

The Children's Choice Book Award winners are as follows:

#### Author of the Year

**Rick Riordan** for *The Lost Hero (The Heroes of Olympus, Book 1)* (Disney-Hyperion)

#### Illustrator of the Year

**David Wiesner** for *Art & Max* (Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

#### Kindergarten to Second Grade Book of the Year

**Little Pink Pup** by Johanna Kerby (Putnam/Penguin)

#### Third Grade to Fourth Grade Book of the Year

**Lunch Lady and the Summer Camp Shakedown** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Knopf/Random House)

#### Fifth Grade to Sixth Grade Book of the Year

**The Red Pyramid (The Kane Chronicles, Book 1)** by Rick Riordan (Disney-Hyperion)

#### Teen Choice Book of the Year

**Will Grayson, Will Grayson** by John Green and David Levithan (Dutton/Penguin)

The Children's Choice Book Awards program, launched in 2008 by The Children's Book Council (CBC) in association with Every Child A Reader, the CBC Foundation, was created to provide young readers with an opportunity to voice their opinions about the books being written for them and to help develop a reading list that will motivate children to read more and cultivate a love of reading.

*The Children's Book Council is the national nonprofit trade association for children's book publishers. The CBC offers children's publishers the opportunity to work together on issues of importance to the industry at large, including educational programming, literacy advocacy, and collaborations with other national organizations. Our members span the spectrum from large international houses to smaller independent presses. Membership in the CBC is open to U.S. publishers of children's trade books, as well as in some cases to industry-affiliated companies. The CBC is proud to partner with other national organizations on co-sponsored reading lists, educational programming, and literacy initiatives. Please visit [www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org) for more information.*

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